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**DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE****GREAT TRIPLE TRAGEDY**

Thursday near the noon hour, William Stout shot and killed his wife and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Todd, and then set fire to the premises and killed himself.

Stout and his wife had been separated for upwards of a year, and he frequently endeavored to secure an interview. That morning he sent her and her sister, to come over and get her personal belongings.

They requested Marshal Chittim and wife to accompany them. When they reached the residence, Stout met them at the door. He requested the marshal and his wife to take seats on the porch, as he wanted a private talk.

As soon as they entered the house Stout locked the door. The marshal demanded that he unlock the door, but he was told to go about his business. While he was endeavoring to look in the window, a shot was heard. Mrs. Chittim rushed over to a phone and called the sheriff.

In the meantime the marshal, not being able to secure an entrance, Stout commanded him to leave and then took two shots at him as he left the premises.

Word was phoned in to Sheriff Woodward that Stout had shot his wife. The sheriff commandeered Captain's auto and in company with Deputy Sheriff Brown and ex-sheriff Martin White reached the residence in a few minutes.

The front door could not be opened but Mr. White succeeded in opening the rear door. Just then they heard a shot from the upstairs and they concluded that Stout had shot himself.

However, they proceeded up stairs with caution, with their guns ready for action, if necessary. The rooms were filled with smoke and it was with difficulty that they could distinguish anything. Finally, they found Stout lying on the floor dead, with the top of his head blown off.

From investigation it seems that Stout had made threats after the women had entered, as the body of Mrs. Stout was lying near the door where she evidently had attempted to make her escape. She was shot in the back, the bullet passing through her body and lodging in the wall.

The body of Mrs. Todd was found in an adjoining room near the outer door. She was shot through the head. All three were killed instantly.

We learn that Stout has a nephew working in Sherman's mill. Mrs. Todd has a daughter living at Turner and a son at Garibaldi.

**EASTERN STAR.**

Misph Chapter, No. 20, of the Eastern Star, celebrated their twenty-first anniversary in an enjoyable manner on Saturday evening. Only members of the order and their families were present.

C. H. John, Worthy Patron of the Chapter, acted as chairman. There were nine charter members present, namely, Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. John, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Quick, W. B. Dillard and Andrew King. Of these Mrs. James Muckle was the first Worthy Matron, Mrs. C. H. John, second; and Mrs. E. E. Quick, third. Mrs. Mary George was first conductor, and C. H. John, secretary.

A very interesting program was enjoyed. Mrs. Irene M. Day, the present Worthy Matron, gave the address of welcome, giving the history of the Chapter up to the present time. E. E. Quick responded for the Chapter. Mrs. Susie B. Dillard gave a review of events of her nineteen years in the Chapter, which was conceded to be most excellent.

A violin solo by Harley Turner, accompanied by Mrs. Cassatt, concluded the program, which was followed by lunch, partners for which were chosen by matching dissected advertisements.

This was one of the most delightful social gatherings of the order, and one long to be remembered.

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.**

The sophs are reading the Goldbug, by Poe.

Report cards were distributed Monday. Everyone came up smiling however.

Will miracles never cease to happen? Lester Wellington has decided to play football.

The seniors are quite in love with Chaucer's Prologue. They seem to find it very easy (?) translating.

Several of the seniors desired to study chemistry, so a class was organized, and that subject will be taken up at once.

The High School boys' glee club sang twice at the teachers' institute, and from all reports made quite a hit with the school ma'ams.

The football boys will journey to Ridgefield a week from Saturday to tackle one of the best teams in this locality. We hope to see them come home with the mutton.

We have another new senior, Raymond Deaver, '16, came back to school last Monday. He has been elected captain of the football team and will prove a valuable addition to the team.

The first of a series of social events by the High School was "pulled off" last Friday. The High School rented the rink and a skating party was held. It was a very enjoyable evening, but several had a great deal of trouble cleaning their clothes the next day.

This is Dress up week with the freshmen. Two members of that organization have purchased new clothes, both having additions to their trousseaus. Lester Lake and John Deming are the guilty ones. Citizens of St. Helens, we beseech you not to gaze too much upon these innocent souls, as they are very sensitive.

The freshmen were crumpled to defeat by the upper classmen Wednesday noon. A number of the freshmen were observed to be writing a notice of a class meeting on the front blackboard. Some of the upper men desired to save the board for more worthy use, so a few of them stood the whole freshman class to bay. It was finally decided that the front board should be devoted to a more useful purpose than writing freshmen notices on it. This is the first of a series of defeats of the freshmen.

At a meeting of the principals of the High Schools of Columbia county, held Thursday morning at the St. Helens High School, plans were discussed whereby better co-operation might be secured in the athletics and sports of the various schools. After discussing different phases of the physical education of the students, the following basketball schedule was agreed upon:

November 25, Clatskanie at Rainier.

December 18, Rainier at Clatskanie.

January 8, St. Helens at Clatskanie; Scappoose at Rainier.

January 15, Clatskanie at Scappoose; Rainier at St. Helens.

January 22, St. Helens at Scappoose.

January 29, St. Helens at Rainier.

February 5, Clatskanie at St. Helens.

February 12, Scappoose at St. Helens.

Following was the result of the contest with Coach Austin's gridiron warriors from Rainier Thursday. Rainier went home with the larger end of the score. To those who do not understand the possibilities of running up such a large score, this may seem an overwhelming defeat of our pigskin chasers. But such is not the case. The score stood 46-0.

St. Helens showed a lack of experience in this game. It was the first game any member ever played in, while most of the players had never seen a game before. With more practice they should make themselves a team to be feared by all. Coach Osterlander deserves much credit for the faithfulness he has shown in turning out with the boys and the splendid coaching he has given them.

Rainier, it must be admitted, had a fine team, and showed themselves to be well trained. Their stars were Fluhrer, Atkins and Beck. The shining lights for St. Helens were Perry, Veazle and Laws. Every member of the team, however, showed lots of

**CITY LEGISLATURE.**

Ordinances Passed—Special Collector for Sewer Assessments.

Council met Monday evening with all members present.

Councilman Larrabee reported that a few years ago the then city of Houlton had purchased a tract of land from Mr. Belford, paralleling the railroad track in front of the depot, but had never acquired a deed for it. No action was taken.

He also reported that S. C. Morton had done a lot of work, made trips to Portland in the interests of the new charter and had freely given his time, and he thought it would be no more than right to pay some of his expenses. A motion was made and carried that a warrant for \$10 be issued in his favor.

Councilman Ballagh reported on the purchasing of fire apparatus for the fire department, that it would cost from \$1000 to \$1200. Laid over for further consideration.

The ordinance regulating the lighting of vehicles other than those provided by state laws, was passed. The vote of the council was as follows: Councilmen Ballagh, Morgus, yes; councilmen Southard and Larrabee, no. The vote being a tie, Mayor Morton voted yes.

The ordinance providing for new sidewalk on Houlton-St. Helens road to the railroad was passed.

Attorney Day made a statement as to collection of sewer assessments. A motion was made and carried that a warrant for the sum of \$398.50, plus interest be made.

It was further decided that the city proceed to collect all sewer assessments and interest by employing some one to make a personal canvass, and John Philip was designated as such collector.

**SPECIAL RATES FOR THE LAND SHOW**

Steam and electric lines serving Portland are all offering low fares for the round trip from points in the Northwest, while the Second Annual Manufacturers' and Land Products show is in progress, October 25 to November 13.

Tickets will be sold at one and one-third fare for the round trip, and the various lines have already announced dates of sale. The Oregon Electric will give this rate on October 26 and 28, and November 2, 4, 9 and 11. Also on October 30, November 6 and 13. All tickets, except the week-end tickets, bear limit of five days after date of sale. From S. P. & S. points Rainier to Granddallas inclusive, also Oregon Trunk Railway, tickets will be on sale October 25, 29 and November 1, 5, 8 and 12, in addition to which tickets at the same fares will be sold October 30 and November 6 and 13. East of Granddallas to and including Pasco, tickets will be on sale October 28 and November 4 and 11.

**BABY DAY.**

The annual Cradle Roll party of the M. E. church was held Wednesday afternoon, October 13th, in the church parlors.

A short program was rendered, after which Mrs. Adin Ross, superintendent of the Cradle Roll department, presented twenty-eight new babies with Cradle Roll certificates.

The Cradle Roll department was organized by Mrs. Adin Ross, Feb. 1912. Two hundred and two have been enrolled. Sixty-one have moved away, twenty-four have been promoted and two have died.

The number now enrolled under four years of age, is one hundred and two.

There were 63 mothers and 83 children present, besides the Sunday school teachers and a few other ladies who assisted in the entertainment.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon for the mothers and babies.

"pep" and nerve. Following is the lineup for St. Helens: Perry, fullback; Deavers, left half; Laws, right half; Southard, quarter; Lake, center; Dixon, Smith, right end; Veazle, left end; Boyce, left guard; Wilson, Brouse, right guard; Walker, right tackle; Decker, left tackle.

**HOLDS AN INTERESTING SESSION****THE COUNTY INSTITUTE**

Sessions of Thursday and Friday—Resolutions Adopted.

J. Teuscher, Jr., spoke upon the topic, "Backward Children." Quality of voice and rate of speech has a great effect upon all children, more especially backward ones. A child is backward if from 1 to 3 years behind grade work; if more than 3 years, it is feeble minded. Even feeble minded children if not vicious, should be kept in school with normal children and not reminded that they are backward, but rather encouraged for their efforts. Heredity plays an important part in determining a child's work—traits showing in a child that have been dormant in preceding generations.

Mr. Pittman, in an interesting story, "The Valley of Sunshine," pictured vividly the meaning of the word "Standard" as applied to schools, and introduced reasons why the house, barn and soil, as well as boys and girls, should be "Standard." Shots from his afternoon address are: A better position does not necessarily mean more salary, nor less work, nor more genial companionship, but one filled with satisfaction. It may be secured by filling the present position to overflowing.

In securing a position the impressions of the employer play an important part. These may be obtained by letter, personal appearance, or our daily action.

A wish or prayer is a prophecy for conduct. Both experience and acquaintance are important.

Creed of an Educational Optimist. H. D. Sheldon. We have no room for pessimism in education. The masses in Europe do not control the foreign policy of their governments, therefore are not responsible for the war.

The 25 million dollars spent annually for patent medicines in the past is decreasing. The quality of the best magazines is not decreasing. Increase in the number of arrests is caused by a change of method of settling difficulties from the old fashioned way. Country schools have dropped behind city schools in comparative progress, but are better than they used to be. Change of teachers and superintendents, with consequent change of method, wastes much energy and cash. We indulge too many fads.

**Friday A. M.**

Dr. Sheldon made a very fine talk on "The Four Great American Teachers," and Prof. Ressler handled the subject of "Professional Progress" very nicely.

The fifth annual School Officers convention of Columbia county, met at the High School building in St. Helens in response to a call from the County Superintendent, on Friday afternoon, Oct. 8. M. S. Pittman of Monmouth, A. P. Armstrong, County Superintendent of Multnomah county, Judge Clark of Rainier, and Superintendent Allen, were the principal speakers of the occasion. It was a splendid meeting and will do much to assist the school officers in the performance of their duties. Many teachers attended the school officers meeting and expressed themselves as well pleased with it as they were enabled to see school affairs from a school officers' viewpoint.

About one half of the county was represented at this meeting, which with similar meetings held in other with similar meetings held in other counties.

The following attended this meeting as delegates: Dist. No. 1, Chas. Koutek; Dist. No. 2, R. S. Hattan; Dist. No. 3, Fred Gill; Dist. No. 7, A. H. Carlson; Dist. No. 11, Willis Bumgardner; Dist. No. 13, A. L. Clark; Dist. No. 16, R. N. Lovelace; Dist. No. 19, H. D. Morris; Dist. No. 23, J. A. Niemela; Dist. No. 28, W. F. Rickert; Dist. No. 25, Hanna Lumijarvi; Dist. No. 32, Mrs. W. R. Holmes; Dist. No. 33, Mrs. Jennie Sobieski; Dist. No. 34, Otto Brockhaus; Dist. No. 36, Mrs. C. A. Link; Dist. No. 37, F. Anliker; Dist. No. 43, Mode Griffith; Dist. No. 45, Oliver Smith; Dist. No. 54, D. H. Pope; Dist. No. 21, Minerva J. Ackley; Dist. No.

**SCAFFOLDING BROKE.**

Carl Olson Seriously Injured by Fall From Building.

C. K. Olson was seriously injured and A. T. Chipman badly shaken up by an accident Tuesday forenoon at Houlton. They were at work ceiling the porch of A. T. Kiblan's new store building, when the scaffolding gave way, throwing both men to the ground. Earl Chipman was not seriously hurt but badly shaken up, his fall being protected by falling on Mr. Olson.

Mr. Olson was thrown against a studding that lay on the ground and his left thigh was broken near the hip. His head was badly cut and bruised and he was rendered unconscious.

An automobile was hastily called and he was brought to this city to the office of Dr. L. G. Ross. He was taken that evening to a hospital in Portland, where he is in a very critical condition. Rev. Snyder accompanied him to Portland. When he left that evening he reported him in a semi-conscious condition.

Mr. Olson is a well known citizen and it is to be hoped that his recovery will be speedy, although it requires time to recover from a broken thigh.

**SHIPPING.**

The Cello and Multnomah are due Saturday and will load lumber for Southern California.

The ship Lord Templeton arrived Sunday and passed on up to Linnton to complete her cargo. She sails for Port Pirie, Australia.

The steamer Wapato cleared Wednesday for San Diego, California, with one million feet of lumber and 53 passengers.

The steamer Speedwell has been added to the Parr-McCormick fleet and made her initial trip from San Francisco to Portland Saturday with a general cargo and 35 passengers. She cleared Tuesday with about 800 tons of grain from Portland and 800,000 feet of lumber from the McCormick mill and a small number of passengers. She has accommodations for 59 passengers. With her added to the fleet the Parr-McCormick Steamship Co. has 15 steamers in service out of California ports. Bringing general cargoes three of the craft a week will be arriving from the south.

52, R. Larson; Dist. No. 39, L. O. High.

Others not delegates were in attendance, among them were Mrs. Burt West, Mrs. Watts, E. D. Graham and T. A. Bushong.

**Resolutions.**

"As this very successful institute is about to come to a close, we deem it fitting to submit the following resolutions:

Be it resolved, that we, the members of the Columbia County Teachers' institute, extend our thanks to the lecture, entertainment and all other committees that have so ably arranged and managed this institute.

Be it further resolved, that we herewith express our appreciation to the school board for the use of the High School building; to the City Council for the free use of the City hall; and to the reception committee which gave us such an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Resolved further, that we extend the thanks of the institute to C. H. Jones, Miss Weed, LaBare orchestra, and to all others who have contributed to the excellent music which we all have enjoyed.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation to Mr. Allen, County School Superintendent, for his assistance to us, as teachers; that we herewith pledge our loyalty to him for the future; and that we congratulate him upon his choice of institute instructors.

Be it resolved, that we thank each instructor for his or her part in making this institute both interesting and instructive; and that, since Mr. Allen, with the assistance of the teachers, has secured a special school exhibit building at the county fair, we, the teachers of Columbia county, do our best to make the fair of next year a very successful one.

Committee: J. R. Purcell and H. E. Beck.

**SHOT SON BY ACCIDENT.**

A Mist Father Accidentally Kills His Son.

A. R. Melis, a prosperous farmer near Mist, accidentally shot his 19-year old son, Robert, Tuesday. The family were at dinner when a deer, seemingly exhausted, passed the house, heading for the river. Father and son grabbed their guns and it seemed to be in a spirit of rivalry as to whom would get the deer.

The boy's last words as he left the house, were: "Don't shoot me, papa." The boy fired two shots at the deer, when the father drew a bead on the deer and just as he pressed the trigger, the boy raised up in range and the bullet passed through his head, killing him instantly.

The father is heartbroken over the sad accident and requested one of his neighbors to shoot him.

The boy was a High School student, highly esteemed by all.

**OBITUARY.**

James S. Bacon crossed the plains with his parents from Illinois in 1852. The usual hardships and annoyances from Indians were experienced and after a long, weary march, reached Oregon and settled in Warren, when it was a dense wilderness, and their only means of transportation being by boat and only skiffs at that. They had to take their grain to Lewis river and wait until it was ground.

He joined the Masonic order in St. Helens in 1882, where he filled all the chairs and was a highly honored Past Master. He was also a member of Mizpah Chapter No. 30, O. E. S. He engaged in the mercantile business in a small way and was appointed postmaster in 1892, and held it until a few months before his death. He was the first ticket agent at Warren on the S. P. & S., which office he held at the time of his death.

He was born in Michigan in 1843, and died October 6, 1915.

He was married to Elizabeth McNulta in 1865, to whom were born nine children, six of whom survive, as follows: Mary, Norah, Maria, James, Ella and Ethel.

The mother of these children died May 14, 1891. He was married the second time to Mrs. Pusey, about 1893, who survives him.

The deceased was one of the most highly respected citizens of Columbia county, and was a friend to everybody. His funeral was the most largely attended ever held in Warren.

Isom Truex, who was accidentally killed at Spitzenberg last Tuesday, October 5th, while loading telegraph poles, was born January 5th, 1882, in Missouri. He came to Oregon about four years ago. He married Miss May Martin about six years ago. He was 32 years and 9 months old to the day.

Deceased leaves besides his wife, a boy 4 years old and his father, Mildard Truex and three brothers who are living in the east.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Congregational church at 10 o'clock. The remains were brought from Spitzenberg on the Portland Southwestern railroad. Services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Johnston. Interment took place at Fairview cemetery.

**CHURCHES.****Congregational Church,**

10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., "The Great Need in the Church Today." 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor. 7:30 p. m., The Good Practitioner. John Foster, Ph. B., B. D.

**M. E. Church.**

Sunday school 10 a. m. Ours is a growing school with classes for all ages. Preaching 11 a. m.; theme, Knowing Only Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon 7:30 p. m.; theme: Foundations. A Sunday morning nursery has been arranged in the church parlors, where mothers may leave their babies while they attend the morning service. Competent and responsible parties will be in charge. Besides special music by the choir in the evening, a young men's quartet will sing. F. N. Sandifur.